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Lends Her Voice, Support for Federal Plan to Aid City By D. Kevin McNeir - NNPA News Wire Contributing Writer



The return of the snow slide will be a perfect location for kids of all ages

Experience winter in Detroit like never before at Meridian Winter Blast. Meridian Winter Blast returns February 12th, 13th, and 14th to Campus Martius Park in Downtown Detroit! Meridian Winter Blast features winter activities, live entertainment, and delicious local restaurants for the whole family to enjoy. We are thrilled to have Meridian Health Plan as our title sponsor for the second year!

Some of the great winter festivities include the Meridian Health Plan Snow Slide; Meridian Health Plan sponsored Snow Shoeing, FREE Ice Skating on Campus Martius rink sponsored by St. John Providence Health System, Marshmallow roasting courtesy of MetroPCS, Professional Skating Demonstrations

Winterblast - 7A





Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton listens as Flint Mayor Karen Weaver speaks at the House Of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday in Flint, Michigan.

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton took a pause from campaigning on Sunday, Feb. 7 to visit Flint, Michigan at the invitation of the city's mayor, Karen Weaver, following weeks of conversations between the two leaders about the health crisis that citizens, particularly children, continue to face after several years of drinking and bathing in tainted water.

While on the campaign trail and Flint Water Page 12A

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WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY ASSISTS IN INKSTER HOMICIDE

Officer first on scene aids shooting victim, one other found

Inkster – Just after 7 a.m., a Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy was conducting road patrols on Inkster Road just north of Annapolis when he heard about eight gunshots. The officer saw a male running from the housing projects at Moore Court just west of Inkster Road. The Corporal stopped the individual and discovered he'd been shot in the hand and buttocks. The corporal contacted WCSO dispatch and requested EMS. Other WCS

units deployed to location, along with units from Westland Police. Minutes later a second subject, also wounded, was found at the Moore Court location. Officers from Wayne County Sheriff's Office turned the scene over to Inkster Police as they awaited Michigan State Police to take command.

"By working those street patrols, this officer was in place to not only render aid, but his presence may have prevented further violence," said Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon. "We need to ramp up our efforts to increase public safety, which in many communities equates to hiring more personnel and deploying them to the areas where they are needed most. We can't stop people from committing crimes, however it goes a long way when our personnel are able to respond immediately."

Secondary Road Patrol's primary purpose is to patrol the County's Secondary Roads and perform activities which help reduce the threat of injury caused by traffic crashes on Secondary Roads. Some duties included in patrolling Secondary Roads are: investigating and reporting traffic crashes, taking appropriate action against violators of criminal laws, issuing verbal warnings and written citations for violations, providing emergency assistance, taking complaints and providing traffic safety information and education programs. These activities are endorsed by the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) which is a division of the Michigan Department of State Police.

Former state legislator Glen Anderson appointed to Wayne County Commission's 12th District seat



The Wayne County Commission voted unanimously Jan. 7 to appoint Glenn Anderson to replace Richard LeBlanc as the 12th District commissioner. LeBlanc resigned effective Jan. 1 when he began his first four-year term as Westland city clerk, to which he was elected in November 2015.

The Commission's 12th District covers Garden City, Inkster and most of Westland. "I am appreciative to the Wayne County Commission for the unanimous vote of confidence in my appointment to fill the unexpired term of former Commissioner Richard LeBlanc," Anderson said. "I look forward to working with the commission and the county executive to secure the county's finances, and strengthen processes to bring greater efficiency and accountability to county government, while providing exceptional services to our residents and businesses."

The Wayne County Charter requires that a replacement be named within 30 days of a commissioner's resignation. The replacement must be a registered voter in that district and of the same party as the departing commissioner. While the departing commissioner can recommend a replacement, the vote is conducted by the remaining commissioners. Anderson will serve the remainder of the two-year term, which ends Dec. 31, 2016.

Anderson, D-Westland, served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 2001-06 and the Michigan Senate from 2007-14, and was the Commission's appointment to the seven-member Wayne County Ethics Board in 2015.

He also served on the Westland City Council from 1991-2000, has been a Realtor since 1979 and worked for Ford Motor Co. for 28 years. He has been a UAW member since 1972.

Anderson, 61, and his wife, Gail, have lived in Westland since 1978. They have two adult children, Melissa and Kyle, and two grandchildren, Mackenzie and Logan.

LeBlanc, 57, was midway through his second term on the Commission. He was elected in November 2012 for the 2013-14 term and then reelected in November 2014. He also served for three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives, three terms on the Westland City Council and one term on the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Board of Education.





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The Water Crisis in Flint is a **Man-made Disaster**

By Armstrong Williams - NNPA News Wire Columnist



Residents speak out against Govenor Snyder Photo by Dale Rich

Something is definitely rotten in the state of Michigan. And it's not just the lead-poisoned water coming from the corroded pipes undergirding Flint's public water system. The rottenness goes to the very core of an attitude of managerial expediency unfettered by moral leadership.

Contrary to widespread belief, Flint Michigan's water woes are not the result of decades' long neglect of critical infrastructure investments - although that is certainly a contributing factor. The blame for Flint's water problems lay squarely with a legacy policy choices dating back decades. The fact that towns like Flint, Michigan are currently facing critical fiscal crises is the result of successive generations of corrupt and incompetent local elected leadership. But the immediate cause of the water crisis in particular stems from current Michigan Governor's attempt to rectify fiscal mismanagement through authoritarian, anti-democratic governance policies.

Snyder's policy of usurping local governmental authorities and placing economically depressed towns like Flint under the sole control unelected 'emergency managers' is the proximate cause of the Flint crisis. The philosophy behind Snyder's policy choices seems to be that governments should be 'run more like a business.'

Under Snyder's dubious management-oriented philosophy, principle-centered leadership often takes a backseat to expedient tactics. In Flint this policy regime has tragically backfired. The absence of moral discernment has caused a crisis from which the citizens of Flint as well as for Michigan taxpavers are unlikely to escape any time soon.

lead in their blood - elevated levels caused by drinking and bathing in contaminated water that was falsely declared safe by officials who were appointed by and report directly to the Governor - a two-term Governor at the end of a term-limited run who may feel he no longer has to be accountable to the Michigan voters.

But what has elevated this crisis from mere tragedy to the heights of diabolical absurdity was the Snyder administration's year-long denial - despite an abundance of objective evidence to the contrary - that there was even a problem to begin with. When Marc Edwards, a Virginia Tech professor, MacArthur Genius grant-recipient, and world-renowned expert on water quality declared the brown sludge coming from faucets in Flint to be toxic waste, the Snyder administration dismissed him as a quack. When local pediatrician Dr. Mona Hannah-Attisha, alarmed that children were showing up at her practice with skin rashes and thinning hair, alerted political leaders that blood lead concentrations in children were 2 to 3 times normal levels, Snyder called her findings inconclusive, and vigorously denied that the elevated lead levels were caused by the city's drinking water. When an EPA memo describing dangerously high levels of lead in Flint's drinking water was leaked to the media, the Snyder administration lambasted the memo's author as a 'rogue employee.'

The level of official misconduct here is beyond ludicrous. In fact. if it weren't staring us right in the face, we would have difficulty conceiving of such ribald villainy on the part of our elected officials. The situation in Flint is a humanitarian debacle of world-class dimensions. If AI Qaeda or ISIS had intentionally poisoned the drinking water of over 100,000 Americans, it would be considered a national security crisis. We would immediately mobilize the military and hunt down the culprits without prejudice. The crisis in Flint cannot be characterized as anything else but an intentional act of sabotage.

Flint is not the only city in which Snyder's autocratic, myopic and niggardly policies have wrought havoc. Snyder's regime has gone about systemically disenfranchising largely Democratic, majority Black towns under the guise of 'emergency management.' Flint, with a population that is 57 percent African-American, joins Pontiac, Detroit, Highland Park, Benton Harbor and several other localities targeted politically by the Snyder administration. This seems to be part of a deliberate policy to isolate and quell his political adversaries under the dubious pretense of imposing 'fiscal discipline.' It is unavoidably apparent that the Snyder administration's policies have had profligate social and financial costs. The Flint catastrophe could likely have been prevented by treating the water for a mere \$100 per day (a small price to pay for precaution), but some estimates now place the long term cost of remediation at \$1.5 billion or more, as pipes corroded by river water continue to leach lead into the Flint water supply. In the full light of day, Snyder's policies seem to be motivated more by a desire to usurp the political power of the electorate, than by a genuine desire to help economically depressed localities manage their finances.

The toxic ideology that governments should be run like businesses needs to be challenged vigorously and soon, because the policy regime that led to the crisis in Michigan is far from an isolated case. Governors in Wisconsin, Kansas, Maine and Florida are implementing similar neo-liberal policies in efforts to enforce fiscal discipline on localities within their states. Many more environmental and infrastructural disasters of the sort we are witnessing in Flint are sure to follow if the dogma of market fundamentalism continues to infect the policy realm.

In the case of Flint, Michigan, the villains are easy to spot. They are the politicians who caused the fiscal crisis in the first place, and the politicians who caused a humanitarian crisis in a badly-conceived attempt to alleviate the fiscal challenge. The major lesson here is that suspending the democratic process in the interests of managerial expediency usually turns out badly. The fanciful notion that a strong dictator is more effective at governing than a 'weak' democratic process is a theory that was considered and discarded at the founding of our nation.

Superbowl champion Denver Broncos

By Jim Abeare - Telegram Columnist



Is anyone out there actually unhappy about the Denver Broncos and Peyton Manning winning Superbowl 50?

If Manning does retire, which he probably should, he can go out on top.

Peyton Manning is one of the good guys of the National Football League, he deservs to go out on top.

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He is the first quarterback to win 200 games, both regular and post season.

Manning was selected number one over-all by the Colts in the 1998 NFL draft. There he would play 13 full seasons.

A neck injury cost him the entire 2011 season.

He joined the Denver Broncos in 2012.

He holds the NFL record for career touchdown passes and career passing yards in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

He has been named to 14 Pro Bowls.

He is the son of former quarterback Archie Manning and the older brother of New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning.

If he retires he should be in the Hall of Fame in five years.



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Let's be clear. The situation in Flint was not an act of nature, or an accident, or a mistake. It is a man-made environmental disaster. It was entirely foreseeable and entirely preventable. Potentially thousands of children may have suffered permanent neurological injuries due to elevated levels of

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Knocked Silly

by Janine Folks By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



Usually, the intent behind hitting someone, is to knock them out, or at least disable them. When I played roller derby, one of my teammates had that phrase in her name. In the game of roller derby, knocking someone silly gets them out of your way and makes it easier for your jammer to score.

I never really knew what knocked silly meant until it happened to me. If you don't get knocked out cold, being knocked silly causes you to feel disoriented and you have to regain your footing. This could take a few seconds.

In roller derby, even a split second can change an entire outcome. Every moment counts because timing is everything. Any amount of time spent knocked silly, gives your opponent an advantage. For that moment, you become a non-factor, because you are ineffective in that state.

In life, things happen to us that completely knock us silly. We become stunned and momentarily unable to function. Feel-

Sabbath School (Saturday)

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ing disoriented, confused, mixed-up, thrown off, even perplexed! You are forced to stop because in that moment, you're not even sure where you're going or why.

Getting knocked silly in life isn't about getting physically hit. Traumatic events, disappointments, broken hearts, prolonged sadness, emotional pain, being abused, being victimized and other catastrophic or even seemingly minor events can knock our minds silly.

When that happens, however it happens, you have to get your equilibrium back. Regain your balance and composure. Get back oriented to who you are, where you are and what time it is. Get your mind right and you can resume movement. Otherwise, you might go the wrong way and mess up.

Once you pull it together, with God's help of course, and by His grace, you can think clearly again. We have to take charge of our thoughts (2 Cor. 10.5).

When we come back to our senses, we can return to where we belong, just like the lost son in Luke 11:17. Yes, we can get knocked silly in life, but thank God we don't have to stay silly. We can get ourselves together and reclaim our lives!

Janine Folks Minister. Writer. Author. Chaplain www.janinefolks.com Inspired to write; Writing to inspire

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Lucille Elias

Jan. 24, 1926

Ecorse. Born and raised in Ecorse. 5 children. 7 grandchildren. 11 great grandchildren. General history: Graduate of Ecorse High 1944.

Employment history: Baker's Grill where you could get the best hamburgers and chili in town. Her passion for children landed her job to be a Ecorse Crossing Guard. For 23 years she was the guard at Francis C.J. Miller School.

Two of her children are still living - Debroah and Myron Motto she lives by : You know right from wrong. Who inspires her: Father Fred Williams and good neighbor Tilly Walker.

What she remembers most about growing up in Ecorse Children playing, block club parties.

Some of the friends that she grew up with were The Hightower family, Palmer, Campbell, Dalton She thinks the changes needed in her community is City government needs to be improved.

Favorite singer? Marvin Gaye, King Cole, Jackie Wilson Favorite movie? "Imitation of Life."

Favorite actor/actress? Cicles Tyson, Denzel Washington Favorite Person? Her children, Father Fred Williams, Rev. Barlow, and James Hightower



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ROBERT WEBB, JR.

Aug. 26, 1943 - Dec. 15, 2015 Robert was born in Franklin, Louisiana and he graduated from Inkster High School in 1961. He was a member of the United States Air Force and proudly served his country in the Vietnam War. He was an avid reader and self taught learner, Robert's thirst for knowledge was endless.

Robert leaves to cherish his memory, daughter Nicol James; granddaughters Britany Jenkins and Bianca Burney; great-granddaughter Savannah Lewis and a host of dear family members, neighbors, co-workers and friends.

Final arrangements entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelchimes.org)

ANNIE M. PEARSON

July 29, 1929 - Dec. 20, 2015 Annie M. Pearson was born in Bay, Alabama.

Annie leaves to cherish her memory; Kelly family, Henry E. Godwin, Jr. (Dee), Elanore Joyce Goodwin-Jones; The McCain family; Leonard, Denise Ann Hollingshed, Audrey Lynn, Ann Neal, Aunt Hazel, Jamal Muhammad (aka James), JoAnne Carter, Luther Daniel, Howard, Henry and Jackie Robinson: and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great nieces, great nephews and other relatives and friends. Final arrangements entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelchimes.org)

DONALD DANIELS

Jun. 13, 1947 - Dec. 19. 2015 Donald was born in Mound. Illinois and the family later moved to Romulus. After graduation, he went on to honorably serve our country for the United States Army during the Vietnam War. While serving in the Army, Donald receive several decorations; the National defense service medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Good Conduct Medal. After his discharge, he was employed in the automotive industry, later becoming the sole proprietor of D&J Transportation.

Donald leaves to cherish his memory his children, Theresa Hayes, Iredius Nelson, Gerald Nelson, Tanaka Daniels, Jujuan Daniels, Janeise Daniels, Marlion Daniels, and Marrell Daniels; Siblings, Robert Daniels, Gregory (Alice) Patterson, Paula Patterson, Ricardo Patterson, Kevin Patterson, Cheryl Stinnett, Andre (Dana) Patterson. Keith Patterson, Juan Patterson, Kevin (Margurita) Daniels, Aaron (Karen) Daniels, Brian (Beth) Daniels and Darla (Michael) Gaston and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Final arrangements entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelchimes.org)

OSCAR MASSEY

Jan. 15, 1916 – Dec. 23, 2015 OSCAR MASSEY was born in Memphis, Tennessee. Oscar was educated in the Memphis, Tennessee Schools. He served in the United States Army and he was stationed in the South Pacific Asia. He received awards and medals for his service and he was Honorably Discharged. Following his military duties, he worked for Ford Motor Company, in Dearborn, Michigan and he provided 32 years of dedicated service. Oscar left to cherish his memories Ms. Blanchard Thurmond, his dearest friend, and companion for many years. He also left to cherish his memories the oldest living members of the Massey Family, Ms. Bernice Jones, Mr. Bill Massey, Mrs. Shirley Williams, Onnie Massey, Mrs. Annette Jones and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, grands, greats and great-great nieces and nephews, friends and his closet friend, Mr. Horace Jordan. **Final arrangements entrusted to**

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BERNARD BONAM

Feb. 6, 1947 – Dec. 20, 2015 Bernard Anthony Bonam, was born in Inkster, Michigan and he graduated from Inkster High in 1966.

In July of 1971, Bernard married Rhonda Merriweather. For over 30 years, he was employed with the Detroit Public School System before retiring as Principal of Mackenzie High School in 2006. He was very passionate and dedicated to his career in education. He also enjoyed fishing, sports, singing music, and a good pot of gumbo.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Rhonda and their three children, Rashaad (Rhonda), Kai (Justin), and Britane (Lawrence), his siblings: Thelma, William Albert (Denise), Bernadine, Christopher Bonam, and many family, friends, and associates.

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In Loving Memory of our beloved



August Dehart Childress

Sept. 14, 1923 - Feb. 4, 2016

August Dehart Childress was born September 14, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri to Aaron & Lula Childress.

He loved Ecorse and served the community in many capacities: TV serviceman, Ecorse's civil service official, political activist, bar-b-cue pit maker, softball player, saxophone player, jazz lover and supporter of Visger Inn & The Elks Lodge. His hands were gifted. Dehart was the community's home repair & generally, "Mr. Fix-it" man. He was widely known for celebrating his birthday every year and inviting community friends and family to a free meal with all the trimmings. His last big birthday celebration was when he turned 90 years old.

Celebrating his life and mourning his absence are his wife, Margaret; brothers: Earl (Lorraine) & Ralph (Mildred), daughters: Sharon, Acquinetta, Victoria, Sonya, and Nicole; sons: Andrea, Gerald, Gilbert and Corey, grandchildren: Gerald Jr., Natalie (Phillip), Stacy, Tyrone, Ericka (Kemmie), Monica and Lee D (Tara), Placide, Njere, Antoine; great-grandchildren: Jasmine C., Phillip Jr., Chelsea, Diamond, Kameron, Jasmine H. Layla, Amaiya, Isaac, Denzel, Danielle, Darrell, Damiya, Dayuan and Daquan.

Services for August Childress are as follows: Visitation - Friday, February 12th from 1pm - 9pm. Family Hour - Saturday February 13 from 10am - 11am Funeral Service Saturday, February 11am Services will be held at Kernan Funeral Service 1020 Fort St. Lincoln Park, MI 48146



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The Life and Legacy Of Otis Sabbath



According to him, his profession was "his calling." He once said, "I guess the Lord placed on my mind to work in the funeral home."

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December 4, 1929 - January 26, 2016

Otis Sabbath was born on December 4, 1929 in River Rouge, Michigan. He was the 11th child born to the late George and Ozie Sabbath. His life motto was "May the work I've done speak for me!" And all through his life, he exhibited a high level of accomplishment and professionalism.

Otis accepted Christ at an early age at River Rouge's Union Second Baptist Church under the ministerial leadership of the late Reverend E. C. Copeland.

Growing up, Otis was a member of the River Rouge School District. He attended Northup Elementary School (currently called Clarence Sabbath Elementary) and River Rouge High where he excelled as a Track Star on the Rouge Panthers Team. After his graduation in 1946, he began what would become a "stellar career."

For 47 years, Otis dedicated himself to serving the community as a Family Counselor and Administrator of the Stinson Funeral Home Southwest Chapel in Detroit, Michigan (formerly The House of Diggs). Otis could not tell you exactly when he ended up in the funeral service business, but he said he always wanted to do something where he could help people. oversight reached beyond his customers, he helped create programs and activities for the community through the funeral home.

Otis lived his motto; he was a dedicated staff member and continued to offer his services to the funeral home as a consultant through 2015. He was a man of small stature with impeccable taste and a love for people, always wanting to entertain. The community recognized Otis's commitment to them for nearly 50 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory two siblings Roy Sabbath and Hattie Anderson; a truly dedicated niece Willa Payton (Charles) who served as his caregiver and a host of other nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 17, 2016

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS Ecorse City Councilman Donald Agee, Jr.

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Councilman Agee helps to clean up Visger Rd in Ecorse

The "Getting to know our elected officials" feature is designed to provide access into the minds of local public figures. This week we spoke with Ecorse City Councilman Donald Agee, Jr. who chatted with us about why he chose to run for office, the most enjoyable aspects of his current position, his life as a businessman, and much more.

How long have you served on the Ecorse City Council? This is my second term as an elected official for the City of Ecorse.

Why did you want to run for this position?

I grew up in the River Rouge, Ecorse and Southwest Detroit area, and I was kind of disappointed with the way things were going down in my city. The Lord spoke to me one day and told me to quit complaining about it; instead, I needed to get inside the fire and work for change. I then became a part of the council to be a voice for the community.

What do you enjoy most about your position?

I've enjoyed helping those who are in need. I try to deal with their concerns the best way I know how to, while remembering to treat people the way I want to be treated. During your time on the council, what have you done to personally bring change to the city, and what do you hope to do in the future?

So far, I've been able to help out with blight issues and street repairs. I'm currently working really hard to bring businesses to the downriver area. Also, one of my main focuses is to bring jobs back to the community, which includes getting our youth employed.

What kind of business do you run?

I own Economy Shoe Repair on Visger Road. I'm a third generation business owner, so I took this over from my dad and grandfather.

What do you see as the biggest problem(s) facing your city today?



Ecorse Councilman

We must somehow change our mindset as a city; we've got to find hope. In addition, we need more homeowners in this area. Not to knock renters at all, but this can help bring our community back. Lastly, our youth need and mentorship programs, and our area has a desperate need for an activity center because there are no workout facilities near us.

We as councilpersons, the mayor and the community must all work together to make this work. It's a must.

How can residents initiate improvements throughout the Ecorse area?

First off, we have to bring back our neighborhood watch. If you see something, say something. Residents can also take responsibility by cutting their grass and taking care of their properties. If you're a senior citizen who's having trouble with these tasks, call city hall and we can try to assist you. I have no problem getting my hands dirty.

Overall, the city has to roll up its sleeves and put our boots to the ground. We've got to want change.

What hobbies/interests do you engage in during your leisure time?

I keep God first. I'm a deacon at Gordy Memorial Church of God and Christ on Polk Street. That's my first love. I additionally love to travel, and I also like to take a few days for myself to unwind.

Of course I love my shoe shop and serving my community. I get a lot of people who can't afford to buy new shoes, so I put on new soles or a fresh heel to bring them back to life. They may give me \$30 here instead of paying \$100 at the store. I really love what I do.

How can residents get in touch with you if they have a concern?

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Grandport Academy hosts Academic Games tournament

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Writer



Grandport students proudly pose with trophies won at a recent tournament

For the first time ever, Grandport Academy in Ecorse will host a regional Academic Games tournament. The team, led by coach Antonio Johnson, will compete against fellow Region E teams with a chance to advance to a Super Tournament in March.

Johnson began coaching the team last year, and believes that Grandport has a good shot at advancing to this year's major competition.

"Right now, our school ranks 7th in the region, and we've won 3rd place based on player

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averages," he says. "Last year, we went to the Super Tournament and dominated. We also advanced to the playoffs and unfortunately lost, but that was the first time for that to happen with a freshman coach. I'm pretty confident in our kids; they're working really hard, so in time we'll be ready to do some real damage."

The Region E tournament will take place at Grandport on February 6th, with students competing in games comprised of different academic subjects, from math and English to social studies and logic. Players compete within two game variations: basic and adventurous, with the latter presenting a greater level of difficulty for participants.

Games format varies from hands on competition to written question and answer sessions, with students receiving chances to win individual and school trophies, in addition to medals. If players rank high enough at regionals and later at the Super Tournament, they could receive the ultimate opportunity to compete in the national competition, this year taking place in Atlanta.

For Johnson, a former Academic Games participant, the competition presents a great opportunity for students on every level.

"Looking back at my own experience, the games really helped me focus on learning," he says. "I've had several kids who were really good at a particular subject, but were struggling to pay attention and perform well in class. Now after joining Academic Games, they're doing their work and getting A's and B's.

"With these games, the more you learn the more you win, so it inspires kids to really get serious about their education." *The Region E Academic Games tournament took place at Grandport Academy on February 6th from 8 AM to 12 PM. For more information, please visit www.mlagonline.org.*



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Detroit's music scene will be on display on two stages, with more than 50 entertainment acts performing! Hop inside the Taste of Detroit food and vendor tent to sample delicious Metro Detroit restaurants and shop from local stores and artisans. Meridian Winter Blast will also feature a special Kid Zone! Throughout that event there will be several Comfort Stations where guests can warm up!

Meridian Winter Blast has an exciting history here in Detroit. In January 2005 Winter Blast, formerly known as Motown Winter Blast, kicked off as the official countdown to Super Bowl XL in Detroit. Winter Blast attracted more than one million people to Detroit during the Super Bowl! For the past 10 years Winter Blast continued to attract Metro-Detroiters to the exciting revitalized Downtown Detroit area!

There is a charge to enter Meridian Winter Blast this year:

- Three canned food items
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Detroit and the State of Michigan's Underground Railroad System, with a network of operatives, safe houses and a point of debarkation to Windsor, Canada. It also honors the City of Windsor and the State of Ontario as a point of willing em-

barkation for safe refuge for thousands of enslaved Africans.

The Detroit sculpture component features two gateway pillars that bracket a ten foot by twelve foot sculpture with nine slaves and a railroad 'Conductor' looking and pointing toward Canada in anticipation to board the boat across the Detroit River to safety. This assemblage is installed in Hart Plaza on the bank of the Detroit River, on the existing river front promenade.

The Windsor installation features a twenty-two foot high granite Freedom Tower that also serves as a candle representing the Internal Flame of Freedom. On the Canadian side are a male slave giving thanks and a female slave holding a baby. A female Canadian Underaround Railroad conductor is welcomina them both to safety. On the U.S. side of the tower is a small slave girl, nostalgically looking back toward America. This component is installed near the River Front Drive on the City of Windsor promenade.







The Telegram News will host a blood drive in March from 1-7PM in the Telegram News Building. If you would like to donate, please e-mail info@telegramnews.net with your name and phone number.

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Students are College Bound - on Signing Day

LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Senior QB Steve Glenn signs with Wayne State University for football. pictured are (top) Athletic Director Don McKenzie, Coach Alex Grignon, Principal Jennifer Borg, (bottom) Sister Brittany, Mom Maria, Steve Glenn Jr., father Steve, and grandfather Sam Shabluk.

ROBICHAUD HIGH SCHOOL



Coach AI Demps is in the Red and Jason Malloy athletic director is in black. Paul Nored......DL-Trinity Bible College (#66); Mercer Bryson.....WR-Trinity Bible College (#17); Miquan Jenkins.....DB-Concordia University (#9); Traivon Clayton....WR-Scottsdale Artichokes Junior College (Green Shirt); Michael Carter.....RB-Trinity Bible College (#24); Maurice Sims......LB-Trinity Bible College (#55); Devin Ashley.....WR-WR-Trinity Bible College (#8)

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Josh Green – Flat Rock HS to play baseball at Owens Community College in Toledo Ohio In photo-Owens Baseball coach JOHN PARISHO, JOSH GREEN and FR Varsity Baseball Coach STEVE ERNEST

Football Over, NHL Hockey is Warming Up

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys bounded with a more solid de-

and Girls the football season is fensive effort to snap a 0-4-1 home skid with a 5-1 victory over the New York Islanders last Saturday. Dylan Larkin and Tomas Tatar each had a goal with an assist and Petr Mrazek stopped 28 shots for Detroit, which can win consecutive home contests for the first time since a four-game run Dec. 1-10. "It is imperative that we get wins at home," said veteran defenseman Mike Green, who has a goal in two straight games. "We haven't been getting our points at home, so (Saturday) was a big night for us to get going in the right direction." The Red Wings are 26-18-8, 4th Atlantic, and tie for sixth place if playoff started tonight.

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over, until the end of the month when NFL teams get to wavier players to maybe a new beginning. In the meanwhile, it was hockey at the Joe and the Detroit Red Wings gave out some payback this past Monday night as Tomas Tatar broke a scoreless tie earlier in the period and Pavel Datsyuk scored twice in a 1:08 span midway through the third period and the Detroit Red Wings win 3-0 over the Florida Panthers this past Monday night. It was a week ago when the players of the Wings took their Mothers to Florida to watch them play hockey. They lost both games to the Panthers and the Tampa Bay Lighting. Bummer. Nevertheless the Red Wings came back home to re-

The Pistons Need a Winning Streak

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



The Toronto Raptors went on an 11-2 run at the start of the fourth quarter to pull away for their 14th victory in 15 games, 103-89 over the Detroit Pistons on Monday night. However the highlight of the game is Detroit's Andre Drummond making a shot from about 80 feet to end the third quarter which close the gap Pistons trailing 70-65 going in to the fourth quarter. Drummond's long shot to end the third was his first of this season and the third 3-pointer of his career; however, the Pistons couldn't build on it. Kyle Lowry and Patrick Patterson made threes early in the fourth to give Toronto an 81-67 advantage, and Detroit was never closer than nine after that. Detroit was missing guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope (core muscle strain) and guard Jodie Meeks (right foot).

Detroit Pistons is clinging to eighth place in the East as it tried to end a six-year playoff drought. "We're going to need to put together more than a one-game win streak," Jackson said. "It's something for us to be worried about." All-Star break can be a worry to some coaches, as players' minds may drift to the weeklong break. Detroit's players were frustrated with not being

were frustrated with not being able to put back-to-back wins together after defeating the

Washtenaw Bobcats Semi-Pro Football Team

The Washtenaw Bobcats are preparing for the 2016 season. They are looking for dedicated players and coaches. Knicks last Thursday past. "We're going to need to put together more than a onegame win streak," Jackson said. "It's something for us to be worried about." Pistons fell to 15-19 against teams above .500 this season.

Andre Drummond this rule is for you, and DeAndre Jordan too. NBA may change rule on intentional fouls as early as this week. These types of fouls allow teams to send an opposing player to the free throw line without any time coming off the clock, so this particular loophole is worth closing immediately. Changing these plays so that they're ruled as flagrant fouls gives the team possession of the ball after a free throw attempt, which would eliminate the incentive for fouling in the first place. There are plenty of people who argue the other side of this, and believe that taking advantage of an opponent's weakness like an inability to shoot free throws is a perfectly valid strategy. However the commissioner is wise in taking actions to eliminate it from the game, since it's the opposite of entertaining and makes the contests completely terrible to watch. Well enjoy NBA All Star Weekend, I will.

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This Week in Varsity High School Basketball

By Butch Davis

It's Getting Close

It's the last week for regular season play for most of the leagues for Girls high school varsity basketball as championship in those leagues will start next week before the District Tournament -- Feb. 29, March 2 & 4. That means two more weeks for the Boys before championship in there leagues start. Yes, the Boys District Tournament is, March 7, 9 & 11. Lets get out and support these girls and boys and attend a game played near you. Now here is this weeks varsity high school basketball schedules.

<u>V</u>arsity Basketball (Boys)

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02/12		Taylor Kennedy at Lincoln Park
02/12		Newport Lutheran South at Lutheran Westland
02/12		Melvindale at Southgate Anderson
02/12		River Rouge at Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech
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02/12	7:00 PM	Redford Thurston at Romulus
02/12		Bloomfield Hills Roeper at Taylor Baptist Park
02/12		Detroit University Prep Science & Math at Taylor Preparatory
02/12		Romulus Summit Academy at Taylor Trillium
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Re: Case #ZBA 16-02

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended by PA 12 of 2008 and as provided under this act, the City of Inkster's Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, which is located at 26215 Trowbridge Inkster, Michigan. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a dimensional variance from the City's Minimum Yard Setback requirements to operate a Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility in the M-1 (Light Industrial) District. Elias Sesi is the applicant. The subject property is located on the west side of Edsel Ave between Inkster Road and John Daly south of Michigan Ave and the New York Central Railroad and is legally described as follows: Lot 8 and the N 1 /2 of Lot 9 Whiten Sub T2S R1 OE L83 P4 Wayne County Records, State of Michigan (Property ID# 44-021-05-0008-000; Commonly known as 2736 Edsel).



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stop was effected and identified the 25 year old female driver. The officer could smell alcohol emitting and a strong odor of suspected "marijuana "from the vehicle and asked the female to provide her license, registration and proof of insurance. The officer asked the female is she had been drinking and she stated that she smokes marijuana and that there may be some in the ashtray. A blue cup was observed in the center console of the vehicle that contained liquor. She was placed under arrest for Open Intoxicants and Possession of Marijuana and Using a cellular phone while driving. During the inventory of the vehicle the officer observed a beige colored purse in the backseat of the vehicle, and upon check the contenting, discovered 11 bundles of suspect "Heroin". She was transported to the police station, booked, allowed to make a call, and then housed. The vehicle was impounded and all evidence was taken and tagged.

February 3rd, 2016

At 1727hrs, an officer was dispatched to the 300 Block of Beechwood for a Threats complaint. The 31 year old female state she just relocated back to Michigan from Ohio 10 days ago with on going issues with her 31 year old ex-boyfriend. They had been in a 10 year relationship and have two children. They have been apart for two years but still have a parental relationship in raising their children. The female states the ex-boyfriend has been hateful and combative towards her and her family and have been calling and make verbal threats that he would kill her and her family. While the officer was gathering information from the female the ex-boyfriend called her several times threatening to kill her and states he didn't care about anyone .

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RE: Case #ZBA 16-01

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended by PA 12 of 2008 and as provided under this act, the City of Inkster's Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, which is located at 26215 Trowbridge Inkster, Michigan. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a dimensional variance to operate a Medical Marijuana Provisioning Center within a one thousand (1,000) foot radius of a lawfully existing Medical Marijuana Provisioning Center in the Town Center District (TCD). Huck Property, LLC is the applicant. The subject property is located on the west side of Huck Ct. north of Michigan Ave and is legally described as follows:

Lots 38, 39, and 40, including vacated alley South of and adjoining Lot 38 and North of and adjoining Lots 39 and 40 except the North 20 feet of Lot 38, Assessor's Plat No. 2 as recorded in Liber 64, Page 64 of plats, records of Wayne County, State of Michigan (Property ID# 44- 007-01-0038-001; Commonly known as Vacant Land -Michigan Ave).



NORTH

Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Department, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Thursday, March 3, 2016. Please reference Case No. ZBA 16-02 in all correspondence.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563.9770.

> Felicia Rutledge Inkster City Clerk

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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Flint water

From Page 1A



Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks during a visit to the House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church in Flint Michigan.

(Barbara Kinney/Hillary for America)

even during interviews and private speaking engagements, Clinton has referred frequently to the challenges facing the residents of the lead-poisoned city a once bustling factory town long in decline that in addition to widespread poverty and unprecedented unemployment now faces a state-declared manmade emergency because of undrinkable tap water.

Former Secretary of State and First Lady Clinton, scheduled to tour the city with Mayor Weaver, spoke to Flint residents at the House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, and then traversed the city listening to personal testimonies, requests and complaints in order to learn more about the state of the crisis.

Weaver, during an MSNBC televised interview on Sunday, said Clinton has promised to help in every way possible including adding pressure on Congress to approve a bill that would allow for federal funding to help the city deal with its water crisis.

"We've been waiting for the state [of Michigan] for almost two years to come in here and fix this problem," Weaver said. "We can't wait any longer."

Clinton spoke with the NNPA News Wire from Flint by telephone following her tour and a host of meetings with clergy, elected officials, the mayor and residents of the city.

"I was honored to be asked to come to Flint by the city's mayor as she continues her valiant effort to draw national attention to the tragedy here," Clinton said. "This is not merely unacceptable and wrong, but also immoral. The children of Flint are just as precious as children in any other place and they're deserving of health care and a quality education.

We still don't know how many will be effected or the challenges that they will face in the future. But we do know that "That includes fixing their pipes, it includes action is needed immediately. During my visit here, I had the opportunity to address a large congregation at the House of Prayer where their pastor and others remain committed to bringing about positive change."

tors from Michigan are proposing a \$200 million bill and Congress should pass that bill. Then we need to figure out how to initiate more medical testing and also institute educational support so that everyone, especially the children here, are better equipped to cope with the long term effects of lead poisoning. The state of Michigan also needs to step up to the plate."

Clinton added that it's vital that a bright line be shined on Flint.

"What happened here was so egregious officials knew what was going on and they ignored it, they remained indifferent to it this particular crisis deserves as much attention as possible. First things first - everyone deserves clean air and clean water," she said as she prepared to return to New Hampshire in order to campaign for the final days before the state holds its presidential primary elections.

Weaver has recently begun promoting a private-public partnership that would fund a complete pipe system replacement, but she also remains highly critical of state officials, particularly Governor Rick Snyder, who she says knew about the foul, lead-poisoned water but chose to look the other way because of the costs related to overhauling the pipe system.

Clinton campaign chairman, John Podesta, in an earlier statement, said, "We should use the spotlight of the presidential campaign to keep the focus on Flint and to lift up the historic underlying issues that Flint and too many other predominantly low-income communities of color across American are struggling with each day."

During the latest Democratic presidential debate, held last week and aired by MSNBC, Rachel Maddow, who served as a co-moderator, asked Clinton if she would launch a federal response. Clinton said she would "absolutely" while also seeking remedies to the myriad of burdens now faced by Flint residents.

guaranteeing whatever health care and educational embellishments they may need going forward and I think the federal government has ways where it can bill the state of Michigan," Clinton told Maddow. "If Michigan won't do it, there have to be ways that we can begin to move, and then make them pay for it and hold them accountable.'

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The City of Inkster will be conducting equipment Accuracy Testing on Thursday,

February 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. for the March 8, 2016 Primary Presidential Election. The location for testing will be 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, and MI. 48141 City Council Chambers. The Public Accuracy testing is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.

Felicia Rutledge Inkster City Clerk Published: 2-11-16

RIVER ROUGE HOUSING HELP WANTED NOTICE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The River Rouge Housing Commission (MI) seeks an experienced housing administrator for the leadership and management of an agency with 300 Public Housing units and 249 Housing Choice Vouchers. The salary range: \$75,000-\$105,000. Ten years of progressively responsible leadership experience in a housing, community development, public administration or closely related field.

Five years' experience overseeing staff persons or program administration is required with demonstrated positive outcomes of PHAs and/or SEMAP scores. Written and verbal communication skills required. Knowledge of laws regulating Federal and State housing programs and rental housing. Certification as a Public Housing Manager from a HUD approved organization is desired or must obtain within (1) year of employment. Knowledge of State of Michigan rental laws. Real estate license preferred. A qualified candidate must also be able to demonstrate leadership in dealing with diverse groups of the community, while establishing and developing public/private partnerships. Experience working with people of various socio-economic backgrounds. Demonstrated ability to use the agency's computer system (Housing Data Systems). Must pass a background check and drug screen. Possess a bachelor's degree in public administration or other related discipline. The position is open until filled and salary is based upon experience and education.

Requirements

Submit cover letter and resume to: Rayfield Rogers, Jr., 180 Visger Rd., River Rouge, MI 48218. Email rogersray@comcast.net. No faxes, please. EOE Reference: JOB11239

Location: River Rouge, United States

Deadline: February 19, 2016

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER, MI Parks and Recreation Commission

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR: MASTER PLAN APPROVAL

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, the City of Inkster Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 29, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., at Booker Dozier Recreation Complex, located at 2025 Middlebelt Rd., Inkster, Michigan, 48141, Meeting Room Number 1. The Parks and Recreation Commission will consider adoption of the City of Inkster Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Clinton continued: "I hear that both sena-

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, the City of Inkster Master Plan is available for review at the Dozier Recreation Complex, which is located at 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, MI, 48141 beginning December 15, 2015. All meetings of the City of Inkster Parks and Recreation Commission are open to the public. You are invited to attend this meeting. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Parks and Recreation Supervisor, 2025 Middlebelt Rd., Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 4:00pm, February 25, 2016. Information may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation Department at 734-728-7530.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon written notice being received at least five (5) business days prior to the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster Clerk's office at 313-563-9770.

Felicia Rutledge, Inkster City Clerk PUBLISH: 2/11/16

City of Inkster Public Accuracy Testing

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Cupid Shoot Out

Friday, February 12, 2016 from 5:00-8:00PM the Williams Community Center (8431 Rosa Parks Blvd.), there will be an archery event for the annual cupid shootout. Come take your best shot! Call (313) 628-2039 for more information.

Walk for Warmth Benefiting: Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency

Registration is \$20/person. For many Wayne County individuals and families, winter means struggling every day in a house where candles, kerosene space heaters, blankets, and layer upon layer of clothing are the only protection from the bitter cold. The goal is to raise \$150, 000 to impact 200 families this year.

**In order to help Flint residents, please bring bottle water to donate. Parking is \$4 cash at Ford Field Parking Lot 6. You can enter Ford Field through Gate G. This event will take place Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 8AMnoon at Ford Field (2000 Brush St., 48226).

HARPER WOODS **City Council Meeting**

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00PM there will be a city council meeting at the city hall (19617 Harper, Harper Woods 49225).

LINCOLN PARK

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:30 PM there will be a city council meeting at the city hall (1355 Southfield Rd., 48146).

RIVER ROUGE

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 8:00PM there will be a city council meeting at city hall (10600 W. Jefferson Ave., 48218).

ROMULUS

Senior Center Bible Study

Monday, February 15, 2016 at 11:30AM there will be bible study at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins St, Romulus, MI 48174). Event repeats weekly this entire year.

Bingo

onday, February 15, 2016 and Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at noon there will be Bingo at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins St, Romulus, MI 48174). Fee is \$.25 for two bingo cards. Event repeats weekly Mondays and Wednesdays.

TAYLOR Job Fair

February 18, 2016 there will be a job fair from 5:30-7:30PM at the Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Road. February 20, 2016 there will be a job fair from 10AM-1PM at the Lakes of Taylor Golf Course, 25505 Northline Rd.

On site interviews will be held for the following seasonal part-time positions: (Golf course) shift supervisors, player's assistants, rangers and starters, pro shop operators, line cooks, dishwashers, servers and snack bar attendants; (Sportsplex) building supervisors, Zamboni drivers, event staff, concession staff, building cleaner; park maintenance personnel; (recreation center) shift supervisors, front desk personnel, weight room attendants; (splash pad/Northwest Pool) life guards and general staff.

Servers and snack bar attendants at the golf courses must be 18 years old or older.

Candidates are encouraged to complete an employment application prior to the job fair. Visit www.cityoftaylor/hr for information on how to apply.

Contact Human Resources at (734) 374-1369 for more information.

<u>WAYNE</u>

City Council Meeting Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 8:00PM there will be a city council meeting at city hall, located at 3355 S. Wayne Rd.

WESTLAND

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Friday, February 12, 2016 from 10AM-4PM there will be a book sale at the Westland Public Library (6123 Central City Pkwy, 48185). All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library. All Paperback Fiction .10 each at this book sale only!

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:00PM there will be a city council meeting held at the city hall located at 36300 Warren Road, 48185. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, unless the meeting falls on a holiday.

Look for your copy of the **TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER** in:

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You are cordially invited to attend The Struggle Continues Fighting for the right to vote.

Please RSVP with dalerichpresents@gmail.com This event will take place 12:00-3:30PM at the Detroit Public Library located at 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202 inside the Clara M. Stanton Jones Friends Auditorium.

Join us for an afternoon with Dr. Wallace Peace and a panel of Freedom Fighters with a free screening of the documentary Eyes On The Prize.

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Breakfast with Ecorse Mayor Lamar Tidwell

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All are welcome to share ideas, concerns, and fellowship with elected officials and neighbors while supporting local businesses. Have a breakfast, a cup of coffee, or just drop by to say hello. Weekly event dining with Mayor continues through the month of February. (your expense) Pick-up Ecorse 2016 events/activity calendar.

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Family Story Time

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:30PM join the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Rd., 48174) for an evening of amazing stories. Every week there will be a theme. No sign-up required. For more information, please call 734-942-7589.

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Michael B. Jordan Wins Big at the NAACP Image Awards for 'Creed'



Michael B. Jordan poses in the pressroom at the 47th NAACP Image Awards. Credit: Jason LaVeris/FilmMagic

In it to win it. Michael B. Jordan swept the NAACP Image Awards on Friday, February 5, taking home the hardware for Creed in every category the boxing drama was nominated for, save one.

Jordan, 28, even took home the Entertainer of the Year award for his turn as Apollo Creed's son, opposite action flick veteran Sylvester Stallone.

"I used to sneak into the Image Awards, and now I'm standing here as the Entertainer of the Year, which is mind-blowing," he said upon accepting his win.

Creed also took home the awards for best director (Ryan Coogler), best supporting actress (Phylicia Rashad) and best writing.

Jordan is not nominated for an Academy Award for his performance, though Stallone, 69, is up for best supporting actor.

On Friday, awards show host Anthony Anderson kicked off the ceremony by joking about the ongoing #OscarsSoWhite controversy.

"Listen, y'all, I don't mean to sound cocky, but the movie's called Creed, not Rocky," he rapped at one point during his opening monologue. Later, his tone turned more serious as he addressed the audience. Dear Alma,

I was married for 12 years. I

raised our son and his twin

daughters from his first mar-

riage. When we separated and

divorced I was heartbroken. But

all the children remained with

me. They are adults now, all fin-

ished college, married with chil-

dren and living wonderful lives of

their own. I've never remarried.

Recently after all these years my

ex-husband married a very

young woman. It works well for

the local political life that he

lives. He has a high-ranking po-

sition with the city and is con-

stantly busy and on the go.

Because of his career, I've al-

ways remained close to his

mother, who is in her late 80's, a

widow, who raised her only son

and everyone else on the block.

She's the nicest woman you

could ever meet and has helped

single mothers in our area with

childcare for years. I lost my

mother when I was young, so

I've really enjoyed the bond that

we share. She recently told me

that, "I'll always be her daughter-

in-law (DIL) no matter what." I've

always shopped, cooked her

meals and taken her to her doc-

tor appointments, but I under-

stand this has to stop. My ex

and his new wife should take

is, now that my ex is remarried,

I want to step out of the way

when it comes to my mother-in-

law (MIL). How do I get them to

recognize their responsibility to

"Hollywood needs to know that this is what diversity is supposed to look like," he said.

Other big winners from the night included Straight Outta Compton for Outstanding Motion Picture, Black-ish (Anderson and Tracee Ellis Ross won Outstanding Actor and Actress in a Comedy Series, respectively), and Empire (Terrence Howard and Taraji P. Henson got top honors).



ASK ALMA

My ex-husband won't take care of his mother, should I?

step up and start taking care of his mother?

— Robin

Dear Robin,

I hear you Robin, but I don't believe you. You don't wanna let go, nor should you. You love your MIL like you would your birth mother, and that's fantastic. What a blessing you two are for one another. Sadly, your marriage didn't last but your obligation to family remains unmovable. Maintaining your role as a stepmother and DIL was not an easy task, I'm sure. There's a reason you did and it's bigger than you and your ex-husband.

Listen, the truth of the matter is the new DIL is not interested in caring for her MIL or she would have stepped up or paid someone to do it by now. In the same breathe, your ex couldn't find his mother in the forest for the trees and that ain't gonna change any time soon. When and if your ex and his new misses want to make a change, they'll let you know. I'm sure both don't find it broken, so there's no need to fix it, at least not for now. Not to mention, your MIL probably wouldn't welcome the change anyways. That's why she told you your role, in her heart, will remain the same.

I say, continue to be her caregiver. I know this isn't ideal, but it's doable. Do it out of love for family, not as a favor to your ex. Your MIL is in her 80's, commit to loving her delightfully for the rest of her days. I promise you, your heart will be glad you did.

care of her now, although I don't see that happening. My problem Alma

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9 Valentine's Day Ideas for Couples

5. Surprise your spouse with a

special getaway together. The

man who suggested this made

reservations at a bed and

breakfast, arranged for child-

care, asked for time off from

work for himself and his wife,

and packed his and her bags.

When he asked his wife to go

to lunch on Valentine's Day

she was in for a wonderful sur-

prise. "The little bit of effort I

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Here are some creative ways to tell your spouse, "I love you." By Mary May Larmoyeux



Is it more important to love ... or to be loved?

Most of us would agree with George Eliot's words, "I like not only to be loved, but also to be told I am loved."

Valentine's Day is the occasion when you can experience both. We asked FamilyLife Facebook friends and e-mail readers to share some of their favorite Valentine's Day ideas.

With a little help from our friends, here are 25 creative ways to tell your spouse, "I love you."

1. On small pieces of paper, write down every kind of kiss that you can think of (examples: passionate, on the cheek, etc.). Then fill an inexpensive red felt bag with your "kisses" and give it to your spouse. Ask your spouse to pull several pieces of paper from the felt bag, and then give your sweetheart whatever kind of kiss is described.

2. Make a book about why you love your spouse and why you are thankful for him/her. The woman who sent this idea wrote, "He loved it! Said it was the best gift he has ever gotten. And it helped me to focus on the things I love about my husband and not his shortcomings."

3. Take your sweetie on a scavenger hunt. Ask him/her to answer riddles to find the clues to items that you placed somewhere around town. The last item should give instructions that lead to your Valen-

roses. On each stem attach a note for a future date—to do something that she would enjoy. (For example, "Go to the symphony.")

7. If possible, go on a date with your spouse to a restaurant that you enjoyed when you first met. After you order your meal, take some time to write down favorite memories from the past year. Then share your lists.

8. Have 11 roses delivered to your wife, and then give her a 12th yourself while reading her a love poem.

9. Fill a large box with helium balloons and special gifts for Valentine's Day. The woman who suggested this said that her gifts included "new sleep shorts for him and a new nightgown for me, a box of chocolate-covered strawberries and red napkins ... some new candles, and a romantic CD. He got the hint. And loved the weekend."

10. Create an intimate Valentine's Day evening at home, without the children. The woman who suggested this idea said that she and her husband "enjoyed planning the menu, shopping for the meal, and ultimately preparing the meal together. Cooking to soft, romantic music can really be a turn on! While dining, the same soft, romantic music is a wonderful mood-setter. WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 17, 2016



tine's Day activities.

4. After enjoying a candlelight dinner for two at home, give your spouse a massage and watch a romantic movie. The woman who suggested this wrote, "Last Valentine's Day when I got home from work, my husband ... had our bedroom set up with a candlelit table for two. He is NOT a cook but he made an awesome meal ... grilled steak, sautéed shrimp in lemon, garlic, and butter, a vegetable, and [he] bought a chocolate fountain that was flowingsurrounded by fresh fruit for dipping. After dinner he led me over to his homemade massage table. ... We ended our special night with a romantic WHEN Tuesday, February 16, 2016 11:30 AM Registration and Networking 12:00 PM Luncheon Program

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